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A t t h e S e s s i o n s H o u s e i n t h e O l d B a y l y , o n F r i d a y ,
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H o w h e c o m m i t t e d a n d l e f t away w i t h t h e G r a n t -
P a t c h e - m a t t e r R o u t i n g e l , w i t h f o u r s c o r e a n d s e v e n
p o u n d s t h e r e i n , w i t h t h e m a n n e r o f h i s b e i n g t a k e n ,

A l s o a P r e n t i c e a n d M a i d - s e r v a n t i n N e w g a r d - s t r e e t
f o r s e t t i n g t h e i r M a s t e r - H o u s e o n F i r e t w o S u n -
d a y s t o g e t h e r , b u t u p o n f u r t h e r E x a m i n a t i o n t h e
M a i d i s c l e a r ' d , a n d t h e P r e n t i c e r e f e r ' d t o
a n o t h e r E x a m i n a t i o n .

W h i c h t h e B u y e r s o n e c o n c i o u s h e r e t o i n f o r m .

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News from the Sessions-House.

AT the General Sessions of Oyer and Terminer, and Goal delivery, held for the County of Middlesex and City of London, upon Friday and Saturday, the 19. and 20. of February instant. Were arraigned several Malefactors for Crimes of sundry Natures, inconsiderable, other the more remarkable were these that follow.

The first was one *Harker* an Ostler at the Bell-Inn on Fish-street Hill who was arraigned upon two several Indictments, the one for the Felonious stealing of a Horse, the other for the taking away of Monyes to the value of four score Pounds and upwards, from one Mr. *Sterling*, a Gentleman that lay in the same Inn, it seemes upon the evidence, that this Gentleman overnight spoke to the said Hostler to get his Horse ready the next Morning for his journey; which accordingly was done, and that Morning the Gentleman finding his Horse made ready, took his Portmante wherein was four score Pounds and upwards, and lased it on himself upon the Horse and fastned it, and then going back again upon some occasion into the House, at his return within a very little time, finds his horse and mony gone and the Ostler to boot, who had taken this opportunity of his absence to leap into the

the Saddle and ride away with the booty ; the Gentleman being thus left in the Lurch, finds it to little purpose to pursue after him, but rests for a while as patient as the reflections of so great a loss and disappointment would suffer him, It happened the same day towards Evening that a friend of this Gentleman's being in *Ruſſell-treeet neare Drury-Lane*, towards the Evening saw the aforesaid Hostler passing by, He was then disguised with a Petiwig so that he was not easy to be known, however the Gentleman apprehended him and it proved the same person, and he Confessed before the justice upon his examination that it was he that rode away with the Gentleman's Horse, and mony, and being demanded what he had done with them, he acquainted them that he had hid the mony (all but a little) that he took out for present occasions in *Cane-wood near Highgate*, and there according to his directions going over to the place they found it the horse he had left at Holloway tying him to a Bush, in the High-way and upon inquiry in the Neighbourhood there they chanced to heare of him, and the Gentleman had him returned again also.

Upon his tryal he confess that he had rode away with the Horse and mony, but desired the favour of the Court in respect that the Gentleman had his Horse and mony returned again, which matter being left to the Jury, they brought him upon the first indictment for stealing the horse not guilty, upon the second they found him that as for taking the mony; notwithstanding the Court not being satisfied with their first Verdict, sent them out again to consider of it, but

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they brought in the same again that he was not Guilty of taking the Horse, for that as they said they understood the Gentleman's Horse was delivered to him to hold while the Gentleman went in, which made a Lawful possession, and therefore could be no Felonius taking him away, but the Court seemed to be of another opinion.

The fact was not more knavish then the next was Tragical, which was the tryal of that bloody and inhumane Villaine, the Butcher that kild his Wife at *Illington*, the fact was apparently proved against him by divers witnesses to whom he confess'd it, and by examination taken before a Justice upon his apprehension neither indeed did he go about to deny it at his Tryal but rather seemed to justified it both by his words and carriage, for when the Court asked him if he did not find a remors and trouble in his spirit for what he had done, he replyd that it did not, and that his Wife might thank her self for what she suffered for, that she urged him to it, upon the whole circumstance of the Evidence it appeared that this fellow had lived with this aforesaid wife for the space of near too years, leaving her that time in the Country, and keeping himself in *London*, where he drove the Trade of a Butcher of which profession he proved to be from first to last, about the Bowling-alley in *Turnbal-street*; the *Tuesday* before the fact was done, the woman his wife, having been with him some days in town, and did by his order go back to the Town where she liv'd to fetch up some things that he wanted, and was to return again the *Tuesday* following, which she did and

As soon as she came to Town, poor Soul, goes directly to her bloody minded Husband, who seeming all this while to be taking care for a settlement for her, was in the mean while rather studying to destroy her, for upon her arrival he acquaints her that he had taken a new Lodging at *Islington* where they were to lye that night, and thither she must go with him, which she did, following him along *Hatton-Garding*, to *Clarkenwell* and so to *Islington*, where taking his opportunity near the Gravel-pits, a place fit for his hellish purpose, he fell upon her, and in a Barbarous manner gave her several deadly wounds in her head and Breast with her own Partin, of which wounds she was found dead the next Morning being Saturday, and the same day the Murtherer was also by the providence of the Divine justice found out and discoverd, as hath been formerly related to you in another account of this Targedy.

There was also indicted a young man and a maid that had been lately Servants to a Gentleman whose house being not far out of Town, was lately broke open and Robed, whence they lost several pieces of plate, and other things of greater value, and these two persons being suspected to be the actors or at least accessaries to the robbery, were now tryed upon it, the fact upon the tryal appeared to be thus, the Gentleman of the House was that night abroad, his Wife and maid lay in a roome up one pair of stairs with a little Child of the gentlemans, towards Morning early comes in three men into the roome in Wizards and alight with them, with Weapons, the one having an Hanger

Hanger, another an Holbert, and the third a Pistole
 in this formidable posture they came to her Bedside,
 and would have taken off her Weding Ring, but she
 to avoid the parting with it upon such violent termes
 secures it in her own body, by swallowing it down,
 and so defeated them of that purpose, whereupon they
 went directly to the Gentleman's study in the Room
 where was a Parcel of plate new made up to be sent
 a way to London, this they pillaged, and from thence
 went to other places in the house, where the best
 things were, all which they went so readily to, as
 if they were well acquainted with the concernment,
 and having flushed themselves with their booty, the
 Man-servant, who was then the Prisoner at the Bar,
 lay there in the Hall so near the Door, that it was im-
 possible to be opened without removing the bed, and
 the Shetters to the Windoes of the said Roome were
 fast shet and pin'd, but the Casement without side
 taken off, and the Iron-bar with it and thrown aside,
 so that the taking off the said Window the Shetters
 being all the while fast seemed to be but a colour, and
 the Theives came not in that way, nor could they find
 any other whereby they should, except they had been
 let in by the aforesaid man-servant, and his and the
 maids lying so long abed as the space of an hour af-
 ter the Robery, and not coming all that while to see
 after their Mistress, and many other circumstances too
 tedious to recite only saying that the man at first took
 upon him to know who the parties were that did the
 Robery, and named three persons, but afterwards Fol-
 lowed, and would not stand to it, I say upon these and o-
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ther Circumstances before two Servants were supposed to be guilty of the Robbery, but nothing directly being proved upon them, they were afterwards by the Jury brought in not Guilty.

There was one Tryal this Sessions of an Extraordinary nature; an Indictment was brought in against the Maid-servant, of a Linen-Drapier Living in New-gate street, for the firing of his Shop belonging to his house; the Chief evidence that came in against her was a Boy, that was an apprentice to the Draper and was Confederate in the design, it appeared upon the evidence, that upon a Sabbath day first Gentleman of the house was sent for from Church upon account that his Shop was on fire, coming home he found several pieces of his Cloth on fire, which they quenched, and no more harm at that time, a fortnight after another fire happened in the same place, but there was but no apparent cause how it should come, but upon enquiry the boy confessed that the first fire was occasioned by the Maid, who left a Candle burning in the Shop that fired the place where the Linen lay, and that the second fire was by her means, for she brought two fire-bars to him, and told him she would give him a shilling for his pains, if he would set fire to the Linen, this was the sum of the evidence on both sides, the Jury brought the Maid in not Guilty, the boy was to be reserved for a farther Tryal,

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